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VIA E-FILING

Hon. Magistrate Judge Chen
U.S. District Court - Northern District
450 Golden Gate Avenue
15th Floor, Courtroom C
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: *Megan Kelly v. Applera Corporation*
Case No.: C-07-cv-3002 MMC

Dear Judge Chen:

I am writing to follow up on my telephone conversation yesterday with your Clerk, regarding the further settlement conference scheduled in this matter on February 19, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. One of our client representatives, Ellen Grant, is unavailable on that date due to a previously scheduled vacation. However, we have arranged for another corporate counsel, Kurtis MacFerrin, to attend the MSC. Mr. MacFerrin will have full settlement authority.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyler M. Paetkau". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "T" and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Cc: Maureen McFadden, Esq., Counsel of Plaintiff